

1. **Unpack the Shovel:** Remove all packaging materials and ensure all components are present.
2. **Attach the Handle:**
 - Position the trenching blade on a flat surface with the handle socket facing up.
 - Insert the handle into the socket on the blade. The handle should slide snugly into place.
3. **Secure the Handle:**
 - Use the provided screws or bolts to secure the handle to the blade. Align the holes on the handle and the blade's socket.
 - Tighten the screws/bolts firmly using a screwdriver or wrench. Ensure the handle is securely attached to the blade to prevent wobbling during use.
4. **Check Stability:**
 - Once assembled, check the shovel to ensure the handle is securely fastened to the blade.
 - Test the stability by gently applying pressure to the handle and blade connection.
5. **Adjust if Necessary:**
 - If there are adjustable bolts or tightening mechanisms, adjust them to ensure the handle is positioned correctly and securely fastened.
6. **Inspect for Safety:**
 - Before use, inspect the assembled shovel for any sharp edges, loose parts, or defects that could pose a safety hazard.
7. **Read Care Instructions:**
 - Familiarize yourself with any care instructions provided by the manufacturer, such as maintenance tips and storage guidelines.
8. **Store Properly:**
 - When not in use, store the shovel in a dry place to prevent rust and prolong its lifespan.

Following these assembly instructions will ensure your Ashman Heavy-Duty Digging Shovel is assembled correctly and ready for effective use in gardening, landscaping, construction, masonry, and other outdoor tasks requiring soil, dirt, and gravel digging capabilities.